

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing a video stream production from a source to at least one destination, ~~said video stream resulting from a production process~~, comprising the steps of:
- ~~_____ (a) enabling creation of a script containing at least one segment delimiter to identify a specific segment within the video stream;~~
 - ~~_____ (b) receiving a request to distribute one or more video segments of the video stream to said at least one destination;~~
 - ~~_____ (c) defining a set of commands that, when executed, distribute said one or more video segments and data related to said one or more video segments to said at least one destination; and~~
 - ~~_____ (d) executing said set of commands to distribute said one or more video segments and said related data to said at least one destination.~~
- (a) executing a set of commands to automatically control a plurality of production devices to thereby produce a show, wherein said set of commands include at least one segment delimiter command, wherein step (a) comprises the step of executing said at least one segment delimiter command in the course of executing said set of commands, wherein execution of said at least
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one segment delimiter command results in identifying and categorizing a specific segment within said show and associating media related to said segment;

(b) receiving a request to distribute one or more segments of said show to the at least one destination; and

(c) distributing said one or more segments with the associated media related to said one or more segments to the at least one destination.

2. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing a video stream from a source to at least one destination, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a request to distribute one or more video segments to said at least one destination, said video segments being part of a video stream that resulted from a production process that employed a script containing the execution of a first set of commands, said set of commands including at least one segment delimiter command, wherein said at least one segment delimiter command is executed during the course of executing said first set of commands, wherein execution of said at least one segment delimiter command results in identifying to identify the content of a specific segment within said video stream;

(b) defining a second set of commands, that, when executed, distribute said one or more video segments to said at least one destination; and

(c) executing said second set of commands to distribute said one or more video segments to said at least one destination.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein step (c) comprises the step of executing a set of commands to distribute [data] media related to said one or more video segments to said at least one destination.

4. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of executing a set of commands to distribute advertisements along with said one or more video segments to said at least one destination.

5. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein step (c) comprises the step of executing a set of commands to download said one or more video segments at said at least one destination prior to being viewed at said at least one destination.

6. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of executing a set of commands to provide a list at said at least one destination to allow selection of said one or more video segments.

7. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of allowing selection of a cut-in segment to permit a late breaking event to be viewed, wherein said late breaking event is not provided in said list.

8. (Currently Amended) A system for viewing a news program, comprising:

a video production system for executing a set of commands to automatically control a plurality of production devices to thereby produce and record [recording] a news program, wherein said news program includes a plurality of video segments, each video segment containing at least one segment delimiter for identifying and categorizing said video segment, wherein a segment delimiter command is executed during the course of executing said set of commands to tag said video segment with said at least one segment delimiter;

customizing means for allowing a viewer to select one or more of said video segments to be viewed subsequent to said recording of said ~~new~~ news program, wherein said ~~selecting~~ customizing means further includes means for allowing said viewer to select an order for viewing said selected one or more video segments;

distributing means for distributing said selected one or more video segments to ~~a display device~~ said viewer.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, further comprising:

means for defining a set of commands that, when executed, distribute said one or more video segments to said ~~display device~~ viewer; and

means for executing said set of commands to distribute said one or more video segments to said ~~display device~~ viewer.

10. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein segment delimiters for said one or more video segments enable said distributing means to select and distribute said one or more video segments.

11. (Previously Added) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
executing commands to distribute an advertisement at specified intervals and durations.

12. (Previously Added) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of:
executing commands to provide a hyperlink with said advertisement to enable communications with a sponsor of said advertisement.

13. (Previously Added) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
executing commands to distribute said one or more video segments to a first frame for display at said at least one destination and an advertisement to a second frame for display at said at least one destination.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, further comprising:

second distributing means for distributing [data] media related to said one or more video segments.

15. (Previously Added) The system of claim 14, wherein segment delimiters for said one or more video segments enable said second distributing means to distribute said one or more video segments.

16. (Previously Added) The system of claim 8, further comprising:
a time shifter for recording and enabling distribution of said one or more video segments at a programmable or designated time.

17. (Previously Added) The system of claim 8, wherein said distribution means enables distribution over a computer network to said viewer.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing one or more segments of a show from a source to at least one destination, comprising the steps of:

(a) ~~creating a script containing a segment delimiter to describe the content of~~ executing a first set of commands to automatically control a plurality of production devices to thereby produce a show, wherein said first set

of commands include at least one segment delimiter command, wherein step (a) comprises the step of executing said at least one segment delimiter command in the course of executing said first set of commands, wherein execution of said at least one segment delimiter command results in identifying and categorizing a specific segment of the show;

(b) receiving a request to distribute one or more segments of the show to said at least one destination;

(c) defining a second set of commands that, when executed, distribute said one or more segments to said at least one destination; and

(d) executing said second set of commands to distribute said one or more segments to said at least one destination.

19. (Currently Added) The method of claim 18, wherein step (d) includes executing commands to distribute said one or more segments over the [global] Internet.

20. (Previously Added) The method of claim 18, wherein step (d) includes executing commands to format said one or more segments in accordance with the Internet Protocol defined in Internet Standard 5, RFC 791.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing one or more segments of a show from a source to at least one destination, comprising the steps of:

(a) ~~creating a script containing at least one segment delimiter to identify~~ executing a first set of commands to automatically control a plurality of production devices to thereby produce a show, wherein said first set of commands include at least one segment delimiter command, wherein step (a) comprises the step of executing said at least one segment delimiter command in the course of executing said first set of commands, wherein execution of said at least one segment delimiter command results in identifying and categorizing a specific segment of the show;

(b) receiving a request to distribute one or more segments of the show to said at least one destination;

(c) defining a second set of commands that, when executed, distribute said one or more segments and [data] media related to said one or more segments to said at least one destination; and

(d) executing said second set of commands to distribute said one or more segments and said related [data] media to said at least one destination, wherein said ~~distributing~~ related [data] media includes ~~distributing~~ media related to at least one of the content of said one or more segments, an advertisement, ~~and/or~~ and a response to a search request for additional information.

22. (Previously Added) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of:
executing commands to distribute said advertisement at specified intervals and durations.

23. (Previously Added) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of:
executing commands to provide a hyperlink with said advertisement to enable communications with a sponsor of said advertisement.

24. (Previously Added) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of:
executing commands to distribute said one or more segments to a first frame for display at said at least one destination and said advertisement to a second frame for display at said at least one destination.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of:
executing commands to distribute said one or more segments to a first frame for display at said at least one destination and said related [media] media to a second frame for display at said at least one destination.

26. (Previously Added) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of:
executing commands to synchronize display of said one or more segments and said related media, such that media related to the content of each segment is displayed at substantially the same time as the related segment.

27. (Previously Added) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of:
receiving a request for information related to a segment being displayed at said at least one destination when said request is initiated at said at least one destination, wherein said distributing a response includes responding to said request.

28. (Previously Added) The method of claim 27, further comprising the step of:
executing commands to distribute an advertisement related to said request or the response to said request.

29. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing one or more segments of a show from a source to at least one destination, comprising the steps of:

(a) ~~enabling creation of a script containing at least one segment delimiter to identify~~ executing a first set of commands to automatically control a plurality of production devices to thereby produce a show, wherein said first set of commands include at least one segment delimiter command, wherein step (a) comprises the step of executing said at least one segment delimiter command in the course of executing said first set of commands, wherein execution of said at least one segment delimiter command results in identifying and categorizing a specific segment of the show;

(b) receiving a request to distribute one or more segments of the show to said at least one destination, wherein said receiving includes receiving a preferred time ~~and/or~~ and order for presenting said one or more segments at said at least one destination;

(c) defining a [first] second set of commands that, when executed, ~~assemble~~ assembles said one or more segments at a play out bin to distribute at said preferred time ~~and/or~~ and in said preferred order, and a [second] third set of commands that, when executed, distribute said one or more segments and [data] media related to said one or more segments to said at least one destination; and

(d) executing said [first] second set of commands and said [second] third set of commands to distribute, at said preferred time ~~and/or~~ and in said preferred order, said one or more segments and said related [data] media to said at least one destination.

30. (Previously Added) The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of:
executing commands to distribute an advertisement to a display at said at least one destination, such that said advertisement is serially displayed with said one or more segments.

31. (Previously Added) The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of:
executing commands to distribute an advertisement to a display at said at least one destination, such that said advertisement is displayed in parallel with said one or more segments.

32. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing one or more segments of a show from a source to at least one destination, comprising the steps of:

(a) ~~enabling creation of a script containing at least one segment delimiter to identify and describe the content of~~ executing a first set of commands to automatically control a plurality of production devices to thereby produce a show, wherein said first set of commands include at least one segment delimiter command, wherein step (a) comprises the step of executing said at least one segment delimiter command in the course of executing said first set of

commands, wherein execution of said at least one segment delimiter command results in identifying and categorizing a specific segment of the show;

(b) receiving a request to distribute one or more segments of the show to said at least one destination, wherein said receiving includes receiving a format specifying at least one of a content, duration, layout, and distribution start time for said one or more segments;

(c) defining a [first] second set of commands that, when executed, assemble said one or more segments according to said format, and a [second] third set of commands that, when executed, distribute said one or more segments and [data] media related to said one or more segments to said at least one destination; and

(d) executing said third and second sets [set] of commands to assemble and distribute, according to said format, said one or more segments and said related [data] media to said at least one destination.

33. (Previously Added) The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of:

executing commands to distribute a late-breaking news event for display at said at least one destination, wherein said late-breaking news event is capable of being displayed before, during, or after said one or more segments.

34. (Previously Added) The method of claim 33, further comprising the step of:

executing commands to distribute a late-breaking news event related to the content of at least one of said one or more segments.

35. (Previously Added) The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of:

executing commands to download said one or more segments to a storage medium at said at least one destination.

36. (Previously Added) The method of claim 35, further comprising the step of:

executing commands to receive a request to distribute an updated version of said one or more segments prior to display of said one or more segments at said at least one destination.

37. (Previously Added) The method of claim 35, further comprising the step of:

executing commands to distribute a late-breaking news event prior to display of said one or more segments at said at least one destination.

38. (Previously Added) The method of claim 37, further comprising the step of:
executing commands to distribute a late-breaking news event related to the content of at least one of said one or more segments.

39. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing one or more segments of a show from a source to at least one destination, comprising the steps of:

(a) executing a first set of commands to automatically control a plurality of production devices to thereby produce a show having a plurality of show segments, wherein said first set of commands include at least one segment delimiter command, wherein step (a) comprises the step of executing said at least one segment delimiter command in the course of executing said first set of commands, wherein execution of said at least one segment delimiter command results in identifying and categorizing a specific segment of said plurality of show segments;

(a-1) enabling display of a [schedule] list of said plurality of show segments ~~resulting from a production process that includes the insertion of segment delimiters to identify and/or describe the content of segments;~~

(b) receiving a request to distribute one or more segments from said [schedule] list to said at least one destination in a designated format

specifying at least one of a content, duration, layout, and time for distributing said one or more segments;

(c) defining a [first] second set of commands that, when executed, assemble said one or more segments according to said format, and a [second] third set of commands that, when executed, distribute said one or more segments to said at least one destination; and

(d) executing said second and third sets [set] of commands to assemble and distribute, according to said format, said one or more segments to said at least one destination.

40. (Previously Added) The method of claim 39, further comprising the step of:

executing commands to retrieve a user profile to implement said format.

41. (Previously Added) The method of claim 39, further comprising the step of:

allowing selection of a cut-in segment to permit a late-breaking event to be viewed.

42. (Previously Added) The method of claim 39, further comprising the step of:

executing commands to distribute a late-breaking event related to the content of at least one of said one or more segments.

43. (Previously Added) The method of claim 39, further comprising the step of:

executing commands to download said one or more segments to a storage medium at said at least one destination.

44. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, further comprising the step of:

receiving a request to distribute an updated version of said one or more segments prior to display of said one or more segments at said at least one destination.

45. (Previously Added) The method of claim 39, further comprising the step of:

executing commands to distribute an advertisement at specified intervals and durations.


46. (Previously Added) The method of claim 39, further comprising the step of:

distributing a response to a request for information related to a segment being displayed at said at least one destination when said request is initiated at said at least one destination.

47. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing one or more segments of a show from a source to at least one destination, comprising the steps of:

(a) executing a first set of commands to automatically control a plurality of production devices to thereby produce a show having a plurality of show segments, wherein said first set of commands include at least one segment delimiter command, wherein step (a) comprises the step of executing said at least one segment delimiter command in the course of executing said first set of commands, wherein execution of said at least one segment delimiter command results in identifying and categorizing a specific segment of said plurality of show segments;

(a-1) receiving a request to distribute one or more segments from a [schedule] lis of said plurality of show segments, said request indicating in a designated format specifying at least one of a content, duration, layout, and time for distributing said one or more segments resulting from a production process that includes the insertion of segment delimiters to identify and describe the content of segments;

 (b) defining a [first] second set of commands that, when executed, assemble said one or more segments according to said format, and a [second] third set of commands that, when executed, distribute said one or more segments and [data] media related to said one or more segments to said at least one destination, wherein said defining includes processing segment delimiters for said one or more segments to enable said assembling and distributing of said one or more segments;

(c) executing said second and third sets [set] of commands to assemble and distribute, according to said format, said one or more segments and said related [data] media to said at least one destination; and

(d) executing commands to track transmission of at least one of said one or more segments and/or and said related [data] media to enable at least one of billing and/or and cost operations.

48. (Previously Added) The method of claim 47, further comprising the step of:

executing commands to distribute an advertisement.

49. (Previously Added) The method of claim 48, wherein step (d) comprises the step of:

executing commands to track exposure of said advertisement to enable an invoice to be prepared for distributing said advertisement.

50. (Previously Added) The method of claim 48, wherein step (d) comprises the step of:

executing commands to track a user response to said advertisement to enable preparation of an invoice for distributing said advertisement.


51. (Previously Added) The method of claim 47, further comprising the step of:

executing commands to distribute a response to a request for information related to a segment being displayed at said at least one destination when said request is initiated at said at least one destination.

52. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 51, further comprising the step of:

executing commands to track at least one of said request for information and/or and said response to said request for information.

53. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 52, further comprising the step of:



enabling an invoice to be prepared for at least one of said tracking
a request for information ~~and/or~~ and said tracking a response to said request for
information.
